

Section 605 - Obstructions in Public Ways

Section 605:00. Obstructions Prohibited Except Under Council Permit. No person or persons, firm or corporation, shall encumber or obstruct any street, alley, lane, ditch or gutter, sidewalk, or other public place within the corporate limits of this municipality by placing therein, or thereon any building, structure, building materials, wood, dirt, or any other material or substance, or other impediment whatever, or by making any excavation or opening therein, without first having obtained permission in writing from the Council so to do; and any such permission shall specify the portion of the sidewalk, street, or other public ground, to be used and the period for which the same may be used: Provided further, that such permission may be revoked at any time and that at the expiration thereof, or revocation of such permission, the person or persons, firm or corporation, having so obstructed said street, alley, or other public ground, shall remove said material, substance or obstruction immediately.

Section 605:05. Removal of Obstruction and Expense. When any obstruction or encumbrance of any kind shall be put, placed, or left on any street, sidewalk, alley, lane or public thoroughfare in this municipality contrary to the provisions of this ordinance, the Clerk or any police officer shall notify the person who put, placed, or left such obstruction or encumbrance on such street, sidewalk or other public thoroughfare and the owner of the abutting property if they are not the same person to immediately remove the same. If such person fails or refuses to remove such obstruction or encumbrance within a reasonable time, such obstruction, or encumbrance, may be removed by municipal employees, upon the order of the Clerk, and they shall make an itemized account of the expenses, if any, incurred in, or by reason of, such removal and shall verify such account and file it with the Clerk, and such expense shall be paid out of the General Fund of this municipality, which said expense may be recovered from the owner of such materials by sending an invoice, and upon Council order by a civil suit.

Section 605:10. Animals on Sidewalk. No person shall ride, drive or lead any horse, mule, or any animal of the horse kind, nor any ox or cow or any animal of the cattle kind, or any sheep or swine upon, onto, over, or across any public sidewalk in this municipality except where the crossing of any such sidewalk by any such animal may be necessary to the ingress and egress to or from any stable or barn.

Section 605:15. Regulating Height of Wires. It shall be unlawful for any person, company, or corporation, agent or employer thereof in any manner to obstruct or cause to be obstructed any street, alley or public crossing in this municipality by stretching or leaving any wire, cord, rope, sign or other obstruction over the same unless said wire, cord, rope, sign or other obstruction be twenty-five feet or more above the street surface, alley or crossing at such point.

Section 605:20. Regulating Poles. It shall be unlawful for any person, company or corporation or any agent or employer thereof within the limits of this municipality to use or erect or cause to be erected any electric light pole, telegraph, not proper strength and size, straight and at least thirty-five feet in length firmly set in the ground and painted.